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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF TOASTS

1. YOU ASKED LARRY ABOUT PRESS COVERAGE OF TOASTS SUCH AS THOSE AT THE GISCARD LUNCH.
2. AS A GENERAL RULE, WHEN YOU HOST A LARGE LUNCHEON OR DINNER WHERE TOASTS ARE GIVEN, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS NOT ATTENDING AS GUESTS ARE INVITED TO LISTEN FROM THE ADJOINING ROOM.
3. AT THE GISCARD LUNCH THERE WERE SEVERAL STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENTS (AP, USIA, VOA, AFP AND REUTERS) WHO LISTENED TO AND TAPE RECORDED THE TOASTS FROM THE JEFFERSON ROOM. A TRANSCRIPT OF THE TOASTS WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

4. THE FRENCH EMBASSY ALSO ARRANGED TO HAVE THE TOASTS

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PIPED INTO THE FRENCH PRESS CENTER AT THE INTERNATIONAL

HOTEL IN WASHINGTON SO THE FRENCH PRESS NOT ATTENDING THE
LUNCHEON COULD HEAR THEM. ROBINSON

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